

Issues and Programs - 4th Quarter 2012

WNEP-TV's Home & Backyard

Regularly Scheduled on Saturdays at 9am and Sundays at 4:30am (Repeat)

October 6th

Peddlers Village Garden, Bakes shop, Burger Recipe and Scarecrow.

October 13

Cool Weather Planting, Organizing your closet, Mike Steven's Blog Kitchen Makeover tips

October 20

Grooming for your pets, frost Proof Plants, Tuna Tartar Tacos Spider Web Cake

October 27

Paranormal Investigation, Bat Brownie, Trail of Treats, A Scary Fairy Garden.

November 3

Candy Corn Cupcakes, Seasonal Wreath,
Hard Cider picture perfect.

November 10

Rosemary Sweet Potatoes, Pumpkin Squares, wine glasses, mashed potato cupcakes,
Thanksgiving Centerpiece.

November 24

Christmas at Longwood Gardens Tour (2011)

December 1, 2012

Penn State Show, Berkey Creamery, Penn State Arboretum, The Pride of Penn State, The Nittany
Lion Inn, Braised Short Ribs..

December 8

Potatoe Latka recipe from JCC, Holiday Greens, Picture Perfect, The House with 24 Christmas
Trees, Holiday Table Decorating.

December 15

Holiday tables inspired by poetry, hand blown glass ornaments, jelly rugula and gingerbread
Christmas cookies.

December 22

Christkindl Market in Mifflinburg, food Crafts, living manger, Craft with Keith Phelps.

December 29

Year in Review a look back at favorite stories of 2012.

Greater Scranton Jaycee Santa Parade, presented by Jack Williams Tire and Auto

Saturday, November 17, 2012

9:00am

Downtown Scranton

LIVE, WNEP-TV in HD

Join us for all the fun of the holidays with a grand parade through the streets of downtown Scranton. Dress warmly and get your spot curbside, or tune in to WNEP-TV.

Now in its 20th year, the Greater Scranton Jaycees and WNEP-TV partner to bring you this energizing event! Great music, floats, balloons and marchers fill the streets.

The parade broadcast was hosted by Marisa Burke and Scott Schaeffer. Our curbside reporter was Ryan Leckey.

Trail of Treats 2012 prepares for special needs kids and young adults.

The Trail of Treats is more than trick or treating. Students and clients, dressed in their Halloween-best, will gain valuable social experiences while enjoying treats and entertainment.

WNEP-TV hosts two events with community-minded sponsors. The events are “BY INVITATION ONLY” through WNEP and are further hosted by the Ramada Inn on Public Square, Wilkes-Barre and the Best Western Plus at Country Cupboard, Lewisburg.

There may still be room at the venues for host companies or agencies; as well as guest attendance slots. Please contact Bill Schultz by e-mail for more information. Bill.schultz@wnep.com

Stop back often as the list below grows and videos and photos are added after the events.

Lewisburg Trail of Treats: WNEP-TV and over 28 community-minded businesses and service organizations partnered with the **Best Western at Country Cupboard, Lewisburg** for a ghoulishly good time. 400 special needs folks from our area enjoyed a special Halloween Trail of Treats! By invitation only, people came with their groups to ‘trick or treat’ in a safe environment. They also enjoyed storytelling by WNEP-TV’s Noreen Clark.

W-B Trail of Treats: Then, WNEP-TV and many community-minded sponsors returned to Wilkes-Barre and partnered with the **Ramada Inn at Public Square**. Over 700 special needs kids and young adults from our area enjoyed a special Halloween Trail of Treats! By special invitation only, people came with their groups to ‘trick or treat’ in a safe environment. They also enjoyed storytelling by WNEP-TV’s Noreen Clark. Over 24 community-minded businesses and service organizations came together to make the possible. Enjoy the pictures and video!

See more of this extraordinary event on WNEP’s Home and Backyard, Saturday, October 29, 2012 @ 7:30pm.

Here are some of the companies and non-profits who are involved this year:

LEWISBURG:

Bayada Nurses

Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble

Central Penn Gastroenterology Associates and Endoscopy Center
Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit-Five Star Program
Community Services Group
Deb Brubaker
Dominos Pizza
Donald Heiter Community Center
Geisinger's Janet Weiss Children's Hospital
Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce
Kidsworld Therapy Center
Knoebels Amusement Resort
Lewisburg Kiwanis Club-Buffalo Valley AM
McDonalds
Meadowbrook Christian School Key Club
Mifflinburg Kiwanis Club
Muncy Valley Women of the Moose Chapter 2222
NHS Human Services
Northumberland National Bank
Parent to Parent Connections
Playworld Systems
PPL Electric Utilities
Riverwoods
Selinsgrove Kiwanis Club
Shared Support
Sunbury Broadcasting
SUNCOM Industries – Community Unity II
Susquehanna Valley Hearing Professionals
Terri Sock
Wise Snacks

WILKES-BARRE:

Allied Services / Heinz Rehab
Barnes and Noble Bookstore
Big Brothers / Big Sisters
Boscov's
Children's Service Center
Citizens Bank
Dunkin Donuts
FNCB
Geisinger's Janet Weiss Children's Hospital
Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce
Grotto Pizza
Keystone Community Resources
Luzerne Intermediate Unit
Marywood Dancers
M&T Bank
McDonalds
NEPA Magic Association
PA American Water
Pediatrics Kids
PPL Electric Utilities
Red Robin

Rotary of Kingston

Sallie Mae

St. Joseph's Center

Sunny Ambulance

Wise Snacks

Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Sunday 6:30pm w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 11-18-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education
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Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: We actually spend sometime in the woods licking wild coffee and then we dry it and roast it for a taste. It's week three of a contest to give away a Mechtron 2200 UTV. We also have an educational story on how to clean a gun in time for the hunting season.
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WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Sunday 6:30pm w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 11-25-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education
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Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: The night before the rifle deer season and we make sure the people know the latest rules and we look at the deer population in general. Plus we give away our Mechtron 2200 UTV.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life
Sunday 6:30pm
w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 12-2-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education

Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: This program is dedicated to the Pennsylvania Deer Hunters. We should dozens of photos from successful deer hunters. We also visit a taxidermist and a butcher shop.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life
Sunday 6:30pm
w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 12-9-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education

Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: We travel to New York for a deer hunt and we butcher a deer into 60 pounds of sweet Italian venison sausage. We also supply the recipe.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life
Sunday 6:30pm
w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 12-16-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education

Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: This program is dedicated to a local animal rehabilitator. We watch as she releases a bobcat and four great horned owls back into the wild after months of rehab.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life
Sunday 6:30pm
w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 12-23-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education

Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: This is a look back show where we revisit stories from the year 2012. We do however meet the winner of the Kioti Krazy 2. Contest.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Sunday 6:30pm w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 12-30-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education
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Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: This is a look back show where we revisit stories from the year 2012. We mainly focus in on the stories we did with interesting people.
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WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Sunday 6:30pm w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 10-7-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education
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Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: educational story on the birth of snapping turtles and a story about a local family making a living out of catching and selling Alaskan salmon. We even cook some up.
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WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life
Sunday 6:30pm
w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 10-14-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education

Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: An educational story on mushroom picking with a local man who started up a mushroom picking club. Plus we follow a father and son team on a mentored crossbow deer hunt.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life
Sunday 6:30pm
w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 10-21-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education

Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: the deer hunting seasons are in full swing and we spend a day with a muzzleloader rifle. Plus we have and educational story on deer butchering. We teach the viewers how to butcher a hind quarter of as deer.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Sunday 6:30pm w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 10-28-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education
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Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: This program is dedicated to fall crappie fishing in a local lake. We take a look at the equipment needed and the proper way to fish for them.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report

Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Sunday 6:30pm w/ Don Jacobs

Date(s) Aired: 11-4-12

Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education
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Length: 30 minutes

Brief Description: We start a contest to give away a Mechron 2200 UTV. Plus we demonstrate the art of reloading black powder shotgun shells and shooting them out of a vintage gun. for

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Sunday 6:30pm w/ Don Jacobs
Date(s) Aired: 11-11-12
Category: Environment-Safety-Image-Education
Length: 30 minutes
Brief Description: Week two of our contest to give away a Mechtron 2200 UTV. Plus we look at a rare humming bird that visiting our area and we visit with a 100 year old hunting camp in central PA.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/11/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES
Length: 1:55
Brief Description: A FREIGHT TRAIN TRAVELING THROUGH NEW MILFORD THIS MORNING HIT AND KILLED A 16 YEAR OLD BLUE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. AND TONIGHT AUTHORITIES BELIEVE HE DIDN'T HEAR THE TRAIN COMING BECAUSE HE HAD EARPHONES ON, LISTENING TO MUSIC. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH A NEIGHBOR, A SCHOOL OFFICIAL, AND A WORKER WHO KNEW THE TRAIN ROUTE VERY WELL. USED A PICTURE OF THE BOY KILLED IN THE PKG.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6,11PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/14/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES,
Length:1:49
Brief Description: THE YANKEES ANNOUNCED THE NEW NAME FOR ITS TRIPLE-A BASEBALL FRANCHISE IN OUR AREA. THEY HELD A CONTEST TO COME UP WITH A NEW NICKNAME OVER THE SUMMER. THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT WAS HELD AT GENETTI'S IN DICKSON CITY. THE BRAND NEW NAME FOR THE SCRANTON WILKES-BARRE YANKEES ANNOUNCED LIVE ON NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6. THE TRIPLE-A TEAM IS NOW THE SCRANTON WILKES-BARRE RAILRIDERS MANY SAID THEY COULD SEE THE SENSE BEHIND IT.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/29/12
Category: PUBLIC SAFETY
Length: 1:30
Brief Description: HOURS BEFORE SANDY'S EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN PENNSYLVANIA, HIGHWAY OFFICIALS ORDERED TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON THE INTERSTATES. BOTH PENN DOT AND THE TURNPIKE COMMISSION ORDERED DRIVERS TO A MAXIMUM OF 45 MILES AN HOUR, CERTAIN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, SUCH AS OVERSIZED TRACTOR TRAILERS AND RIGS PULLING EMPTY TRAILERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM TRAVELING ON MOST INTERSTATES IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DUE TO HEAVY WINDS. OUR REPORTER SPOKE TO TRAVELERS ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/6/12
Category: CRIME
Length:2:13
Brief Description: JENNIFER BARRISE WAS PUT INTO A WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S VAN AND TAKEN TO PRISON WHERE SHE WILL SERVE UP TO 14 YEARS BEHIND BARS FOR THE 2011 MURDER OF HER NEWBORN DAUGHTER, JACKLYN AMBER BARRISE NOT WHAT THE PROSECUTION HAD HOPED FOR. PROSECUTORS SAID AFTER BARRISE GAVE BIRTH, SHE LET THE BABY DROP TO THE FLOOR, SHE LET THE BABY'S FATHER CHRISTOPHER FITZPATRICK COVER IT WITH A SWEATSHIRT, AND SHE LET HIM TAKE THE NEWBORN TO THE WOODS NEAR HAMLIN, AND CRUSH THE BABY'S HEAD WITH A CINDERBLOCK. OUR REPORTER HAD A WALK SHOT OF BARRISE, AND SOUNDBITES WITH THE D.A. AND THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6,11PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/8/12
Category: ENTERTAINMENT
Length: 1:51
Brief Description: HAWLEY CELEBRATION "WINTERFEST", PEOPLE OPEN THEIR DOORS TO STRANGERS AND CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS. OUR REPORTER INCLUDED TALKING ABOUT THE WINTERFEST HOUSE TOUR, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES VICTORIAN LUNCHEON, AND THE COOKIE WALK THAT FEATURED 5000 HOMEMADE TREATS WAITING TO BE GOBBLED UP BY VISITORS. HAD NUMEROUS SOUND BITES WITH MANY EVENT GOERS.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/5
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:30
Brief Description: WILKES-BARRE CITY POLICE OFFICERS AND U.S. MARSHALLS ARRESTED 29-YEAR-OLD ROBERT MONTGOMERY WHO WAS WANTED IN PHILADELPHIA FOR ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE. THE SUSPECT'S FATHER OPENED THE DOOR FOR OFFICER MATT STASH. STASH SAW THE SUSPECT INSIDE THE APARTMENT WHEN THE YOUNGER MONTGOMERY BEGAN FIRING AT POLICE. THE SUSPECT WAS HIT SEVERAL TIMES BY POLICE AND KILLED. MONTGOMERY SENIOR WAS HIT IN THE TORSO INVESTIGATORS NOW SAY IT WAS A BULLET FROM THE SUSPECT'S GUN THAT HIT HIS FATHER. OUR REPORTER TALKED TO NEIGHBORS ABOUT HOW VIOLENCE HAS GRADUALLY INCREASED IN THE APARTMENT COMPLEX. HAD MUGS OF BOTH STASH AND THE YOUNGER MONTGOMERY.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/1
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:45
Brief Description: JOSEPH DERHAMMER WAS ACCUSED OF SETTING A DEADLY FIRE THAT KILLED TWO PEOPLE AT A HOME ON CHESTER STREET IN WILKES-BARRE IN 2009. HE WAS ARRESTED IN 2011 AND ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL ON CHARGES OF ARSON AND HOMICIDE. COMING OUT OF HIS HEARING TODAY DERHAMMER SAID HE DIDN'T DO IT. WE SPOKE WITH THE VICTIMS SISTER AND THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY. WE USED FILE VIDEO FROM THE 09 FIRE.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/9/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:03
Brief Description: MAYOR TOM LEIGHTON ANNOUNCED A LAST-DITCH PLAN TO SAVE WILKES-BARRE CITY EMPLOYEES FROM LAYOFFS, LEIGHTON HOPED A NEW RETIREMENT PLAN WILL GENERATE ENOUGH INTEREST AMONG CITY WORKERS TO OFFSET A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL. LAST MONTH LEIGHTON SAID LAYOFFS OF CITY EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS, WOULD HAPPEN, IF THE CITY COULDN'T GET ENOUGH WORKERS TO SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTARY FURLOUGHS. NO SOUND BITES.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/8/12
Category: CRIME
Length: :56
Brief Description: POLICE SHOWED UP AT THIS HOME IN WYOMING COUNTY LAST NIGHT PLANNING TO SERVE A MENTAL HEALTH WARRANT STATE POLICE SAY BRIAN WILLIAMS OF OVERFIELD TOWNSHIP CAME AT COPS WITH A FIRE PLACE POKER. WHEN OFFICERS ATTEMPTED TO TASE WILLIAMS IT DID NOT WORK PROPERLY AND HE CONTINUED TO COME AT THE OFFICERS. HE WAS THEN SHOT AND KILLED. NO SOUND BITES BUT WE USED A GRAPHIC OF A QUOTE FROM THE WYO CO DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/14/12
Category: COMMUNITY, CRIME
Length: 1:53
Brief Description: VANDALS VANDALIZED THE CRISPIN FIELD STADIUM IN BERWICK - SPRAYED A FIRE EXTINGUISHER, DUMPED FOOD, BUSTED THEIR NEW GAS GRILL ETC., BUT IT DIDN'T STOP THE EAGLES FROM TAKING ON THE RAVENS IN THE BERWICK YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE. AND JUST YARDS AWAY, THE VANDALS ALSO BROKE IN TO STEVE'S RESTAURANT SMASHING WINDOWS AND MORE. VOLUNTEERS CAME TOGETHER TO CLEAN UP THE WHOLE MESS. REPORTER SPOKE WITH LOCALS AND RESTAURANT OWNER.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/15/12
Category: CRIME, PUBLIC ISSUES
Length: 2:14
Brief Description: DAWN LAFFERTY HOCHSPRUNG WAS ONE OF SIX EDUCATORS SHOT TO DEATH IN NEWTOWN CONNECTICUT, AT SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHERE SHE SERVED AS PRINCIPAL FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE NEWS HIT HOME IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY OF TOWANDA, WHERE HER FAMILY LIVED. OUR REPORTER WENT TO TOWANDA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING MEET WHERE HE SPOKE WITH PEOPLE WHO KNEW HER FAMILY.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 11
Date(s) Aired: 10/23/12
Category: PUBLIC SAFETY, CRIME
Length: 0:50
Brief Description: STATE POLICE SAID THEY HAD BEEN DEALING WITH A MAN WHO HAD BARRICADED HIMSELF INSIDE A HOME, AND THEY SAID HE HAD WEAPONS WITH HIM. INVESTIGATORS DID NOT SAY HOW THIS SITUATION GOT STARTED, HOWEVER WE DID LEARN THAT IT DID AFFECT A NEARBY SCHOOL. AN ADMINISTRATOR AT THE NORTH ROME CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SAID THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN A CHURCH ABOUT A HALF MILE AWAY FROM THE ROAD BLOCK. AFTER SEEING ALL THE POLICE ACTIVITY OUT THERE THAT DAY, THEY PUT THE SCHOOL ON LOCK-DOWN BRIEFLY, BUT BY FOUR P.M. ALL THE STUDENTS HAD BEEN SAFELY SENT HOME. NEWSWATCH 16'S REPORTER WAS LIVE IN BRADFORD COUNTY.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/27/12
Category: PUBLIC SAFETY
Length: 1:30
Brief Description: IT WAS MID-OCTOBER WHEN GARY LININGER HEADED OUT WITH A CHAINSAW ON THE EXPANSIVE PROPERTY HE CALLED HOME NORTH OF LOCK HAVEN. STATE POLICE SAY HE WAS CUTTING A TREE WHEN IT HIT HIM. THE BLOW EITHER KNOCKED HIM OUT OR LEFT HIM DAZED. THEN INVESTIGATORS SAY A BEAR THEN ATTACKED LININGER AND THAT'S WHAT KILLED HIM. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH DAVID CARLINI, WHO IS WITH THE GAME COMMISSION'S NORTHCENTRAL OFFICE NEAR JERSEY SHORE AND HELPED INVESTIGATE LININGER'S DEATH. BETWEEN THE CHAINSAW RUNNING AND THE VICTIM'S INJURIES CARLINI IS NOT CONVINCED IT WAS A BEAR ATTACK.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/6/12
Category: GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC ISSUES
Length: -----
Brief Description: ELECTION DAY COVERAGE: BEGINNING AT 8 PM WNEP HAD AN ELECTION SPECIAL STARTING AT 8PM ON WNEP2. THAT COVERAGE HAD REPORTERS ALL OVER THE AREA GOING LIVE IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS, ANCHORS TALKING ABOUT ELECTION, AND VOTE NUMBERS. THE TEN PM CONTINUED SIMILAR COVERAGE. THE 11 PM WAS SHOWN ON WNEP AND LISTED THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION AND ENDED WITH A LIVE SPEECH FROM THE PRESIDENT.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 5PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/18/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:21
Brief Description: SUSPECTS IN HAZLETON DEATH HEADED TO TRIAL. SUSPECTS MITCHELL DEDES AND BREON JUDON LEFT A DISTRICT COURT IN HAZLETON AFTER THEIR STATEMENTS TO POLICE WERE READ OUT LOUD FOR THE FIRST TIME. BOTH DEDES AND JUDON SAY THEY GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH 29-YEAR-OLD AARON REZNICK OVER AN I-PHONE AND DRUGS ON CARSON STREET IN HAZLETON BACK IN AUGUST. THEY TOLD POLICE THEY STRIPPED REZNICK...HELD HIM AT GUNPOINT....PUT IN A CAR TRUNK AND STOMPED ON HIS HEAD UNTIL HE DIED. BUT IN THE STATEMENTS THE TWO MEN BLAME EACH OTHER FOR THE BEATING. REPORTER SAT IN DURING TRIAL.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/13/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES, TRANSPORTATION
Length: 1:39
Brief Description: TURNPIKE OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAVE AN AMBITIOUS PLAN TO CONVERT THE TURNPIKE SYSTEM INTO ALL-ELECTRONIC TOLLS CHARGING DRIVERS WITHOUT USING TOLL PLAZAS. THE 5 YEAR PLAN CALLS FOR OVERHEAD GANTRIES THAT WILL CHARGE E-ZPASS ACCOUNTS OR TAKE PICTURES OF LICENSE PLATES SO DRIVERS CAN BE BILLED LATER. NO NEED TO SLOW DOWN, JUST KEEP DRIVING. WE SPOKE TO DRIVERS WHO HAD VARIOUS OPINIONS ON THE PLANNED CHANGE. ALSO HAD A SOUND BITE OF A LADY COMMENTING ON THE LOSS OF JOBS THAT WOULD HAPPEN.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/7/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:30
Brief Description: PROSECUTORS FILED CHARGES IN A CHILD SEX ABUSE CASE THEY HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS. MARK KANDEL, OF PECKVILLE, FACED CHARGES RELATED TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. KANDEL IS A FORMER EDUCATOR IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY AND IS THE HUSBAND OF NEWSWATCH 16'S MARISA BURKE. KANDEL'S ACCUSED OF SENDING SEXUAL TEXT MESSAGES AND FACEBOOK MESSAGES TO TEENAGE BOYS. WE HAD A WALK SHOT OF KANDEL, AND SPOKE TO ATTORNEY'S FOR THE PROSECUTION AND THE DEFENSE.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/30/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:30
Brief Description: FORMER STATE SENATOR BOB MELLOW WAS SENTENCED BEFORE THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE IN SCRANTON EVEN OPENED. HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY WHILE HE WAITED FOR THE DOORS TO BE UNLOCKED. OUR REPORTER IN THE COURTROOM SAID DID SPEAK PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS INDICTMENT IN MARCH. HE SPOKE FOR LESS THAN A MINUTE SAYING HE WAS EMBARRASSED, ASHAMED AND APOLOGIZED ONLY TO HIS FAMILY. WE HAD NEW WALK SHOTS AND SPOKE TO ATTORNEY'S ON BOTH SIDES.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AM
Date(s) Aired: 10/16/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 0:55
Brief Description: DOCTOR FRED ROSETTI WAS INDICTED IN FEBRUARY, AND THIS AFTERNOON, IT'S EXPECTED HE'LL MAKE IT OFFICIAL. HE IS CHANGING HIS PLEA TO "GUILTY." DOCTOR FRED ROSETTI WAS CHARGED WITH FRAUD, THEFT, AND MONEY LAUNDERING-- THIRTEEN COUNTS IN ALL. IT WAS ALLEGED ROSETTI USED N-E-I-U MONEY FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES. HE HAD N-E-I-U EMPLOYEES WORK AT HIS HOME, AND THERE WAS UN-DOCUMENTED VACATION AND PERSONAL TIME. REPORTER REPORTED LIVE FROM THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE IN SCRANTON.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/10/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES
Length: 1:55
Brief Description: IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY, SANTA AND MRS. CLAUD USED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND VIDEOPHONE TO CHAT WITH KIDS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. OUR REPORTER FOUND OUT IT'S A PROGRAM THAT STARTED AT THE NORTHEAST PA CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING IN SCRANTON 6 YEARS AGO. SANTA EVEN HAD A SPECIAL APP ON HIS PHONE SO HE CAN COMMUNICATE USING SIGN LANGUAGE AND SHOWED HOW IT WORKS. SOUNDBITES OF SANTA COMMUNICATING WITH SIGN LANGUAGE WERE VOICED BY ANOTHER PERSON.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/22/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES
Length: 2:05
Brief Description: THE SHOPPING FRENZY KNOWN AS BLACK FRIDAY BEGAN AT THE TOYS R US RETAILER WITH AN 8 PM OPENING ON THANKSGIVING DAY. SALE SEEKERS WRAPPED AROUND MANY STORES NEAR WILKES-BARRE WAITING FOR HOURS, SOME WANTING CHRISTMAS GIFTS. THE BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING MADNESS HAS CREEPED EVEN EARLIER INTO THANKSGIVING. WE SPOKE TO SHOPPERS AT TOYS R US, BEST BUY AND KMART.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6
Date(s) Aired: 10/20/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES, COMMUNITY
Length: 1:24
Brief Description: LUZERNE COUNTY IS NOW LOOKING AT A ROUGHLY \$122 MILLION PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN FOR 2013. DRAWN UP BY COUNTY MANAGER ROBERT LAWTON, THIS BUDGET PROPOSAL WILL SPEND ABOUT \$383,000 LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET, PAY NEARLY \$3 MILLION TOWARDS THE COUNTY'S DEBT, AND HE SAYS THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT ANY PROPERTY TAX INCREASES TO COUNTY RESIDENTS.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6,11PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/24/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES, ENTERTAINMENT
Length: 1:44
Brief Description: IT'S WAS THE LAST MINUTE RUSH FOR HUNTERS HERE AT THE PA GAME COMMISSION OFFICE NEAR DALLAS. RIFLE DEER SEASON KICKS OFF MONDAY, BUT THERE WERE PLENTY OF OUTDOORSMAN ON HAND WHO ENJOY THE HUNT DURING ALL FOUR SEASONS! WE SPOKE WITH HUNTERS AND GAME OFFICIALS ABOUT THE UPCOMING RIFLE DEER SEASON.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 NOON
Date(s) Aired: 10/17/12
Category: COMMUNITY
Length: 1:58
Brief Description: Today, Newswatch 16 teamed up with home economic students at Pittston Area High School in Luzerne County. Students showed us how to make everything from witchy fingers to pumpkin spice cake for your Halloween party.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/12/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:14
Brief Description: POLICE RESPONDED TO A CAR CRASH NEAR THE RED ROOF INN DRIVEWAY JUST OFF ROUTE 315. INSIDE THE CAR WAS THE BODY OF LESLIE SMITH OF WILKES-BARRE. ACCORDING TO POLICE, SMITH HAD BEEN SHOT SEVERAL TIMES AND DIED AT THE SCENE. LUZERNE COUNTY D.A. STEFANIE SALAVANTIS SAID SMITH HAS A LENGTHY POLICE RECORD. THE REPORTERS ALSO TOUCHED ON A SHOOTING OUTSIDE MULLIGAN'S BAR ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN WILKES-BARRE A FEW HOURS LATER, ALTHOUGH IT WAS UNRELATED. SCENE VIDS OF BOTH SHOOTINGS. NO SOUND. GRAPHICS OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY QUOTES.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/4
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES
Length: 1:58
Brief Description: A COORDINATED SEIZURE OF POKER MACHINES WERE TAKEN FROM THREE DIFFERENT WAREHOUSES. OUR CAMERA CREWS WERE ALSO ON MERIDIAN AVENUE IN SCRANTON'S WEST SIDE AS ONE OF OVER 180 LOCATIONS WERE SEARCHED FOR THE ILLEGAL MACHINES. STATE POLICE STATED MORE THAN 400 MACHINES WERE SEIZED. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH A BUSINESS OWNER WHO SAID SOME OF BUSINESSES RAIDED WERE SURPRISED.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/7/12
Category: CRIME
Length:2:13
Brief Description: POLICE ACCUSED CAROL HANN OF RAPE AND SEVERAL OTHER CHILD SEX ABUSE CHARGES. HER HUSBAND ROBERT CARAVELLA WAS ALSO FOUND GUILTY OF CHILD SEX ABUSE. CONVICTIONS THAT LAWYERS SAY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE 14 YEAR OLD BOY WHO TOOK THE STAND IN COURT. FROM THE COURTROOM, OUR REPORTER SAID THE BOY DETAILED YEARS OF SEX ABUSE, TESTIFYING THAT ROBERT CARAVELLA SHOWED HIM PORNOGRAPHY WHEN HE WAS ONLY 7 YEARS OLD. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH ATTORNEY'S ON BOTH SIDES.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/21/12
Category: PUBLIC SAFETY, EDUCATION
Length: 1:32
Brief Description: AS WILKES-BARRE POLICE LED HIM AWAY FROM A MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE IN HANDCUFFS, WILLIAM HOFFMAN TOLD OUR REPORTER HE DIDN'T PLAN TO HURT ANYONE. THE 41-YEAR-OLD FROM LUZERNE FACED CHARGES OF THREATENING TO USE A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN A SCHOOL. OUR REPORTER LEARNED FROM POLICE HOFFMAN SENT A THREATENING TEXT MESSAGE TO A WRONG PHONE NUMBER THAT WAS OFF BY ONE DIGIT. THE MAN WHO READ THE TEXT WHEN HE WOKE UP TOOK HIS PHONE STRAIGHT TO POLICE. USED A GRAPHIC OF THE TEXT MESSAGE AND SPOKE WITH A PARENT OF A STUDENT.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/14/12
Category: CRIME, EDUCATION, PUBLIC ISSUES
Length:
Brief Description: MOST OF TODAY, AND THE FOLLOWING DAYS, COVERED THE CONNETTICUT SHOOTING AT SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY. ONE SUCH STORY: OUR REPOTER WENT TO SCHOOLS IN EAST STROUDSBURG AREA AND SPOKE WITH PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND SECURITY PERSONEL ABOUT THEIR THOUGHTS ON SCHOOL SAFETY AND THE TRAGETY THAT HAPPENED AT SANDY HOOK.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/13/12
Category: TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC SAFETY
Length: 1:12
Brief Description: THE EMERGENCY DRILL IN MONROE COUNTY HELPS WORKERS PREPARE FOR ANYTHING. ORGANIZER ROBERT WERTS SAID THIS PRACTICE DRILL INCLUDED A TANKER TRUCK THAT SPILLED HAZ MAT CHEMICALS ON THE ROAD, IN BROADHEADSVILLE. THEIR MOTTO IS TRAIN AND PRACTICE AGAIN AND AGAIN. INTERVIEW WITH NEPA COUNTER-TERRORISM TASKFORCE PERSONNEL. AFTER THE DRILL, THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND STATE POLICE CONDUCTED A MASS FATALITY AND SCENE RECONSTRUCTION EXERCISE. TRAINEES SAID THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO GET READY FOR WORSE CASE SCENARIOS, TRAINING IN STRESSFUL SITUATIONS, WILL HELP PREPARE YOU THE BEST.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/31/12
Category: COMMUNITY
Length: 2:03
Brief Description: HURRICANE SANDY COVERAGE -- LINES OF CARS ON ROUTE 209 IN SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP TRIED TO GET OFF OF I-80 TRYING TO FILL UP THEIR GAS TANKS, MOST OF THEM WERE STORM REFUGEES FROM NEW JERSEY. MANY OF THE DRIVERS OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH SAY THEY CAME TO FIND GAS FROM UP TO AN HOUR FROM SUSSEX OR MORRIS NEW JERSEY.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/19/12
Category: PUBLIC SAFETY, EDUCATION
Length: 1:48
Brief Description: IT WAS JASMINE HAGNER'S TENTH BIRTHDAY AND INSTEAD OF SHARING THE BIG DAY WITH HER CLASSMATES AT MONSIGNOR MCHUGH SCHOOL NEAR MOUNT POCONO, SHE WAS SENT HOME AFTER SHOWING CLASSMATES A NOW CONTROVERSIAL PICTURE SHE GOT FROM HER NEIGHBOR. IT WAS A PICTURE OF A CAT HOLDING A SNIPER RIFLE. JASMINE TOLD OUR REPORTER SOON AFTER SHOWING IT, A TEACHER NOTICED THE PICTURE AND JASMINE WAS SENT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. WE SPOKE WITH JASMINES MOTHER WHO SAID SHE WAS ANGRY AND THE SCHOOL SENT US A STATEMENT WHICH WE AIRED VIA GRAPHIC.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH16, 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/10/12
Category: TRANSPORTATION
Length: 1:45
Brief Description: FATEL HELICOPTER CRASH IN MONROE COUNTY IN A WOODED AREA 100 YARDS FROM THE INTERSTATE IN THE POCONOS BETWEEN THE TOBYHANNA AND MOUNT POCONO EXITS. POLICE REPORTED THE PILOT AND A PASSENGER DIED, AND ANOTHER PASSENGER WAS HURT. POLICE CHIEF SAID THE HELICOPTER ORIGINATED FROM SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY. OUR REPORTER SPOKE TO POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE, AND NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6
Date(s) Aired: 10/22/12
Category: CRIME, PUBLIC SAFETY
Length: 1:06
Brief Description: THE SCRANTON BOMB SQUAD TOOK EVERY PRECAUTION NECESSARY TO SAFELY REMOVE WHAT THEY SAID WAS A PIPE BOMB FOUND INSIDE A HOME IN A POCONO COUNTRY PLACE IN TOBYHANNA. TO ENSURE EVERYONE'S SAFETY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE SAID THEY HAD MOVE QUICKLY. NEWSWATCH 16'S REPORTER TALKED TO THE CHIEF.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 5PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/11/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:30
Brief Description: STANDOFF AT A HOUSE IN THE SIERRA VIEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN EFFORT. STATE POLICE SAID THE SUSPECT AND HIS BROTHER GOT INTO A DISAGREEMENT, AND THE SUSPECT SHOT HIS BROTHER SEVERAL TIMES. POLICE THOUGHT THE SUSPECT BARRICADED HIMSELF INSIDE THIS HOME BEFORE IN THE HOUSE AND RESULTED IN A STANDOFF. SHOTS OF SUSPECT WALKING INTO THE STATE POLICE BARRACKS IN BLAKESLEE TO GET QUESTIONED, AND INTERVIEWS WITH NEIGHBORS.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/3/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:28
Brief Description: SUZANNE THOMAS PLEADED GUILTY TO SHOOTING AND KILLING A DOG BACK IN JANUARY, A ONE AND A HALF YEAR OLD LABRADOR RETRIEVER NAMED GEORGIA. BACK IN JANUARY, GEORGIA WANDERED ON TO THOMAS'S PROPERTY. TODAY THOMAS ADMITTED SHE TIED THE DOG TO A TREE AND SHOT HER THREE TIMES IN THE HEAD. OUR REPORTER TALKED TO A NEIGHBOR AND ALSO GOT SOUND FROM THOMAS WHO SAID THERE WAS NOTHING MALICIOUS ABOUT WHAT SHE DID.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/18/12
Category: PUBLIC SAFETY
Length: 1:57
Brief Description: PITTSTON POLICE WERE INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING AROUND 3:30 IN THE AFTERNOON, JUST AS KIDS GOT OFF THE SCHOOL BUS AND WERE WALKING HOME. THEY TOLD OUR REPORTER TWO MEN IN A DARK PURPLE JEEP CHEROKEE YELLED TO SEVERAL YOUNGSTERS TO GET IN THE VEHICLE. IN ONE CASE, POLICE SAID THE PASSENGER IN THAT JEEP OPENED HIS DOOR AS IF HE WAS GOING TO GRAB A CHILD. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH ONE OF THOSE CHILDREN AND HIS MOTHER. THEY DIDN'T WANT THEIR FACES ON CAMERA.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/9
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:54
Brief Description: JERRY SANDUSKY WAS SENTENCED TODAY. HE'LL SERVE BETWEEN 30 AND 60 YEARS IN PRISON. THE JUDGE SAID IT AMOUNTS TO A LIFE SENTENCE. EVEN AFTER HEARING FROM FOUR VICTIMS WHO SAID SANDUSKY RUINED THEIR LIVES HE STOOD IN COURT FOR THE LAST TIME AND PROCLAIMED HIS INNOCENCE. OUR REPORTER WAS IN THE COURT ROOM FOR THE SENTENCING. AFTER IT WAS OVER HE GOT SOUND FROM BOTH THE PROSECUTOR AND THE DEFENDANT.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/21/12
Category: TRANSPORTATION
Length:1:57
Brief Description: BUMPER TO BUMPER TRAFFIC, DRIVERS DEALT WITH BACKUPS THROUGHOUT THIS STRETCH OF INTERSTATE 81 NEAR THE MAHANOEY CITY EXIT ON ONE OF THE BUSIEST TRAVEL DAYS OF THE YEAR. GEORGE TOFTE SAYS THIS IS THE FIRST TROUBLE SPOT HE'S HIT BETWEEN NEW YORK AND HIS FINAL DESTINATION OF BALTIMORE. PENNDOT IS WORKING TO REPAIR PARTS OF INTERSTATE 81 IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, AND HAS HAD TRAFFIC BLOCKED OFF TO ONE LANE. BUT DRIVERS WERE ANGERED WORK IS EVEN GOING ON AT ALL.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6
Date(s) Aired: 10/21/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES, COMMUNITY, ECON
Length: 1:27
Brief Description: DRIVERS MAY START FEELING A LITTLE LESS PINCH AT THE PUMP THOUGH THE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION SAYS GAS PRICES ARE HIGHER THAN EVER FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. DOWN LAST WEEK ABOUT 8 CENTS STATEWIDE TO AN AVERAGE OF \$3.80 PER GALLON OF UNLEADED, NEWSWATCH 16'S REPORTER FOUND DRIVERS FILLING UP NEAR FRACKVILLE.FOR \$3.75.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/12/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:13
Brief Description: PENNSTAR BANK ON MEADOW AVENUE IN SCRANTON HAD ONLY BEEN OPEN FOR TWO HOURS WHEN A MAN WITH GLASSES AND A BASEBALL CAP WALKED IN. POLICE TOLD OUR REPORTER THAT MAN HANDED A NOTE TO THE TELLER CLAIMING HE HAD A GUN. THE TELLER HANDED OVER A BAG FULL OF MONEY AND JUST BEFORE HE RAN OFF WITH THE LOOT, POLICE SAID THAT TELLER GOT A GOOD LOOK AT THE ROBBER. WE HAD SOUND BITES WITH DETECTIVE IN SCRANTON PD.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/2/12
Category: COMMUNITY, CRIME
Length: 2:04
Brief Description: A STRANGE CASE OF HIT AND RUN, WHERE THE PERPETRATOR WAS A MYSTERY FOR A WEEK. THE BOTTOM OF THE MOOSIC STREET BRIDGE WAS DAMAGED WHEN A TRUCK RAN INTO IT AND DROVE OFF. 15-THOUSAND DRIVERS USE IT EVERY DAY. IT TURNED OUT A WEEK LATER BOB BOLUS ADMITTED IT WAS ONE OF HIS TRUCKS THAT WAS TOO TALL TO GO UNDER THE BRIDGE, HIT ALL OF ITS BEAMS, BUT KEPT GOING. WE SPOKE WITH BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE EFFECTED BY THE BRIDGE CLOSING.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/13/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES, GOVERNMENT
Length: 2:03
Brief Description: SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR ORIGINALLY THAT SPENDING PLAN INCLUDED A 12 PERCENT PROPERTY TAX HIKE, BUT WHEN ALL WAS DONE, IT CALLED FOR A 22 PERCENT INCREASE. THE BUDGET ALSO DOES AWAY WITH RAISES FOR SOME CITY EMPLOYEES INCLUDING THE FIRE CHIEF AND CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR AND SOLICITOR. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE CITY RECEIVING REACTIONS TO THE BUDGET. ALSO HAD A SOUND BITE WITH THE MAYOR.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/5/12
Category: GOVERNMENT
Length: 1:34
Brief Description: BILL CLINTON ENTERED THE GYM AT SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL TO APPLAUSE. HE REMAINS POPULAR IN THE HOMETOWN OF HIS WIFE'S FATHER, AND HE MET AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD OF DEMOCRATS ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THE ELECTION. THE FORMER PRESIDENT URGED THEM TO RE-ELECT THE CURRENT PRESIDENT SAYING HE SUPPORTS A SECOND TERM FOR BARACK OBAMA, BECAUSE OF OBAMA'S STANCES ON THINGS LIKE HEALTH CARE AND THE MILITARY.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 5PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/12/12
Category: TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY
Length: 1:25
Brief Description: SCRANTON'S BUDGET FELL SHORT 16 MILLION DOLLARS EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE COMMUTER TAX WOULD RAISE ABOUT 2 MILLION DOLLARS NEXT YEAR TO FILL THAT HOLE. SOME PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR THE TAX PLAN, BUT NOT ALL COMMUTERS ARE SO HAPPY ABOUT CHIPPING IN. THE COMMUTER CAUSED SUCH A STIR OUTSIDE THE CITY OF SCRANTON, THAT 23 NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES FORMED A GROUP CALLED "STOP" WHICH STANDS FOR "SCRANTON TAXING OUR PEOPLE". IT WAS STARTED BY THE MAYOR HERE IN THE BOROUGH OF MAYFIELD. INTERVIEWS WITH PART TIME WORKERS, BUSINESS OWNERS AND MAYOR OF MAYFIELD BOROUGH.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/31/12
Category: ENTERTAINMENT
Length: 2:01
Brief Description: THE ELECTRIC CITY WAS ELECTRIFIED AS THE FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION GOT FOLKS CHARGED UP TO WELCOME IN 2013. THIS IS THE 14TH YEAR FOR THE FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION IN SCRANTON WITH FAMILY FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT AND PERFORMANCES TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE DOWNTOWN. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH FOLKS ON LACKWANNA AVENUE FOLKS LINED UP FOR HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES, THEN WENT TO THE MALL AT STEAMTOWN AND FOUND MUSICAL SHOWS TO FACE PAINTING.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 4PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/25/12
Category: COMMUNITY
Length: 1:34
Brief Description: SOME OF THIS YEAR'S HOT HALLOWEEN COSTUMES INCLUDE BATMAN, CATWOMAN, BIG BIRD, AND THE TRADITIONAL FRENCH MAID OUTFIT. THE AMERICAN RETAIL FEDERATION PREDICTS MOST CONSUMERS ARE SPENDING MORE MONEY THIS YEAR, ABOUT \$80 EACH, COMPARED TO LAST YEARS \$72.00 WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT NOON
Date(s) Aired: 10/19/12
Category: COMMUNITY
Length: 1:36
Brief Description: SCRANTON IRON FURNACES GET SET TO HOST A FIERY FUN FALL EVENT SATURDAY, OCT. 20. THE FESTIVAL AT THE LOCAL LANDMARK ALONG CEDAR AVENUE INCLUDES A BONFIRE, MUSIC, MAGIC, AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS. IT RUNS FROM 8 P.M. - 11 P.M. TICKETS ARE \$15.00 IN ADVANCE. \$20.00 AT THE GATE. MONEY RAISED BENEFITS THE IRON FURNACES AND ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM IN SCRANTON.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6,11PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/17/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES
Length:1:30
Brief Description: AN OLD TRADITION IN SCRANTON, THOUSANDS OF FOLKS PACK THE STREETS OF THE ELECTRIC CITY TO ENJOY THE 20TH GREATER SCRANTON JAYCEES SANTA PARADE. KIDS DRESSED THEIR HOLIDAY ATTIRE AND WAITED PATIENTLY FOR THEIR FAVORITE FLOAT TO GO BY. THIS YEAR THERE WAS MADELINE, AND ELMO, AND SOME CHEERLEADERS IN THE SKY. KIDS AND PARENTS WHO SAT BY AND WATCHED SAY THEY LOVED IT ALL.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6,11PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/18/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES
Length:2:00
Brief Description: DRIVERS ACROSS OUR AREA ARE EXPERIENCING A DIFFERENT TYPE OF FRUSTRATION AT THE PUMP, WHEN THEY STOPPED AT SHEETZ GAS STATIONS. THAT'S BECAUSE 14 OF THE 21 SHEETZ STORES IN OUR AREA HAD NO REGULAR FUEL AND OTHERS EXPECT TO RUN OUT SOON. A SPOKESPERSON FOR SHEETZ SENT OUT A STATEMENT BLAMING THE FUEL SHORTAGE ON REFINERY SHUT DOWNS FROM SUPER STORM SANDY ADDING SHEETZ EXPECTS THE TIME ITS STORES WILL HAVE TO BE WITHOUT GAS TO BE, 'BRIEF'. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH MANY CUSTOMERS AT SHEETZ AND WERE ANGRY AND CONFUSED ON THE SHORTAGE.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 11PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/26/12
Category: PUBLIC SAFETY
Length: 1:42
Brief Description: IT WAS A TOUGH TIME FOR TRAVELERS TONIGHT ON INTERSTATE 81 IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY. A MIX OF SLEET AND SNOW FELL STEADILY MAKING FOR TREACHEROUS CONDITIONS. OUR REPORTER SPOKE TO A TRUCK DRIVER, FAMILIES, AND TRAVELERS ABOUT THE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AM
Date(s) Aired: 10/15/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES, COMMUNITY
Length: 1:05
Brief Description: 82 YEAR OLD SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER DIED YESTERDAY MORNING AT HIS HOME IN PHILADELPHIA. HE SERVED PENNSYLVANIA IN THE SENATE LONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE -- FROM 1981 TO 2011 AND HIS INFLUENCE CAN STILL BE SEEN EVEN AFTER HIS DEATH. REPORTER TALKED TO MAYOR OF SCRANTON, CHRIS DOHERTY

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/7
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES
Length: 1:33
Brief Description: 2,500 RUNNERS PARTICIPATED FOR THE 17TH ANNUAL STEAMTOWN MARATHON. RUNNERS CAME IN FROM ALL OVER TO TRY THE COURSE WHICH STARTED AT FOREST CITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND ENDED IN DOWNTOWN SCRANTON. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH RUNNERS AS WELL AS THE WINNER OF THE RACE.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16, 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/30/12
Category: PUBLIC SAFETY
Length: 2:54
Brief Description: STORM COVERAGE OF HURRICANE SANDY -- ALONG BRONSON HILL ROAD IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY WHERE STATE POLICE SAY HURRICANE SANDY'S FORCE TOOK THE LIFE OF AN 8-YEAR OLD BOY. THIRD GRADE MATTHEW STAHL WAS OUTSIDE DURING THE STORM AND WAS KILLED BY A FALLING TREE. WE SPOKE TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO KNEW THE FAMILY. OUR VIDEO WAS SCENE OUTSIDE THE HOME THE NEXT DAY.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 11/28/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:30
Brief Description: JOHN WALKER HAD NOTHING TO SAY AS HE HEADED INTO DISTRICT COURT HERE IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY. THE FORMER POLICE OFFICER WAS BROUGHT IN WEARING HANDCUFFS AND SHACKLES TO FACE A MURDER CHARGE FOR THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE LYNDIA CONRAD WALKER. LYNDIA WAS FOUND DEAD, AT THEIR HOME, WITH A GUNSHOT WOUND TO HER CHEST BACK IN 1983. HER DEATH WAS ORIGINALLY RULED A SUICIDE, BUT IN 2011 INVESTIGATORS SAY A NEW AUTOPSY REVEALED IT WAS MURDER. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND GOT REACTION FROM LYNDIA'S BROTHER.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6
Date(s) Aired: 10/24/12
Category: CRIME
Length: 1:11
Brief Description: THE POLICE OFFICER FROM SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY HAD BEEN LOCKED UP SINCE HE WAS ARRESTED IN SEPTEMBER FOR ALLEGEDLY SHOOTING HIS WIFE TO DEATH NEARLY THREE DECADES AGO—A DEATH ORIGINALLY RULED A SUICIDE. PROSECUTORS PRESENTED EVIDENCE ON 10/24/12 BEFORE THE CASE COULD PROCEED TO TRIAL, BUT THE DEFENSE IS ALREADY DISPUTING MUCH OF IT. NEWSWATCH 16'S REPORTER TALKED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 12/17/12
Category: PUBLIC ISSUES, CRIME
Length: 1:57
Brief Description: A RUMOR CIRCULATING THROUGH THESE HALLS AT MONTROSE AREA HIGH SCHOOL WAS BEING TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY. SCHOOL OFFICIALS TOLD OUR REPORTER A STUDENT ALLEGEDLY POSTED TO FACEBOOK THAT HE WOULD BRING A GUN TO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY, THE LAST DAY OF THE MAYAN CALENDAR. OUR REPORTER SPOKE WITH SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL OGNOSKY WHO SAID AFTER FRIDAY'S TRAGIC SHOOTING IN CONNECTICUT, MANY PARENTS WERE CALLING WITH CONCERNS.

WNEP-TV Programs and Issues Report
Program and Time Aired: NEWSWATCH 16 AT 6PM
Date(s) Aired: 10/2
Category: CRIME, EDUCATION
Length: 1:41
Brief Description: A FORMER HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER IN MONTROSE WAS ON TRIAL THIS WEEK FOR HAVING A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A STUDENT. TODAY, THE DEFENSE TOOK OVER THE CASE IN COURT. A REPORTER WAS INSIDE THE COURT ROOM. WE HAD NO SOUND BITES BUT USED GRAPHIC FULL SCREENS OF QUOTES FROM THE WITNESSES' STATEMENTS ON THE STAND.